

What to Protect from the Cold

Below is a quick guide for what plants to protect and which ones you don't need to worry about when frost or freeze is headed our way. It is not an exhaustive list.



Protect These Plants

- Tropical Fruit Trees: Mango, Avocado, Lychee, Banana, Papaya, Sapote, Jackfruit, Barbados Cherry, Cherry of the Rio Grande, and many more
- Citrus: Lemons and Limes
- Croton
- Ti Plant
- Hibiscus
- Bougainvillea
- Princess Flower (Tibouchina)
- Allamanda
- Panama Rose
- Jatropha
- Duranta
- Firebush
- Veggies: Tomatoes, Peppers, Eggplant, Squash (any summer veggies)
- Vines: Mandevilla, Dipladenia, Passion Flower, Pipevine, Sky Vine, Clock Vine

Don't Worry About These Plants

- Low-Chill Fruit Trees: Peach, Apple, Pear, Plum, and Nectarine (they need cold weather)
- Other Fruits: Fig, Persimmon, Olive, Mulberry, most Citrus, Blueberry, Grape, Blackberry, Pomegranate, Pecan
- Hardy Shrubs: Viburnum, Ligustrum, Boxwood, and Indian Hawthorne
- Rose
- Camellia
- Gardenia
- Juniper
- Buddleia
- Oleander
- Bottlebrush
- Azalea (blooms may be damaged, but the plants won't be)
- Abelia
- Veggies: Greens, Lettuce, Broccoli, Snap Peas, Chard, Beets, Carrots, Radishes – the cold is good for these veggies
- Nandina



- Clerodendrum
- Brazilian Cloak
- Dwarf Powderpuff
- Palms: Christmas, Foxtail, Areca, Bamboo, Fishtail, and Pygmy Date
- Penta, Coleus, Milkweed, Blue My Mind[®], and Sweet Potato Vine
- Australian Tree Fern and Staghorn Fern
- Trees: Poinciana, Orchid, Jacaranda, and Silk Floss

- Flax Lily
- Liriope
- Hosta, Bush Daisy, Strawflower, Pansy, and Petunia
- Palms: Washingtonia, Queen, Pindo, Sylvester, Canary Island, and European Fan
- Most Ferns